

Turnpike Toll or Fee Report

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January 5, 2012

The Honorable Phillip E. Berger
President Pro-Tem, NC Senate
The Honorable Thomas Tillis
Speaker of the NC House
16 W. Jones St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

Subject: GS 136-89.183 (a)(5) Turnpike Toll or Fee Report

Dear President ProTem Berger and Speaker Tillis:

Pursuant to the requirements of the above-cited statute, this letter is to provide notification to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations of the toll rates that went into effect on January 3, 2012, at 12:01 am on the first phase of the Triangle Expressway. The Turnpike Authority recognizes that we failed to provide proper notification as required by statute, and we apologize for this error. We overlooked this important requirement in preparations for the opening of the road.

Attached is the schedule of toll rates for the first phase, 3.4-mile segment of Triangle Expressway. An explanation of the toll rate schedule is also attached.

Again, we regret our omission in providing proper notification to the Commission. Steps have been put in place to ensure that proper protocol will be followed in the future.

Sincerely,


Barry Mickle
Director of Operations

cc: Beau Memory

Explanation of Toll Rate Schedule for Triangle Expressway

The Triangle Expressway Comprehensive Traffic and Revenue Study prepared by Wilbur Smith Associates for the North Carolina Turnpike Authority recommended a toll structure based on three vehicle classes. The three vehicle classes are:

Class 1, Light Vehicles - Included in this class are automobiles, pickup trucks, passenger and service vans, sports utility vehicles, and motorcycles.

Class 2, Medium Vehicles - Included in this class are single unit trucks larger than pickup trucks including 2-axle, 6-tire vehicles, passenger buses, recreational vehicles and any Class 1 vehicle that is towing a trailer. Class 2 toll rates are two times the Class 1 rates.

Class 3, Heavy Trucks – Included in this class are all multi-unit vehicles with four or more axles and all oversize vehicles. Class 3 toll rates are four times the Class 1 rate.

Toll rates for the Triangle Expressway were established for two collection methods: electronic toll collection (ETC) and Bill by Mail.

Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) – This toll rate is based on the use of an electronic transponder or tag, which identifies the vehicle as it passes through each tolling zone and debits the user's account accordingly. ETC is considered highly reliable and is the most convenient and economical method for collecting tolls. ETC is offered at 35% discount from the Bill by Mail toll rate.

Bill By Mail – Toll road users that have not established an ETC account will be identified through license plate video imaging and vehicle registration information provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles or similar agencies in other states and mailed a statement of tolls owed. Bill By Mail users are considered potential customers and provided an opportunity to pay before their transactions are classified as violations.

The toll rates were reviewed and approved by the North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board September 8, 2011.

TriEx Toll Rates for Jan 3 to June 30, 2012

Opening to June 30, 2012							
Toll Zone Number	Toll Zone Locations	NC QuickPass Toll Rates by Vehicle Class			Bill By Mail Rates by Vehicle Class		
		Class 1 (2 Axles)	Class 2 (3 Axles)	Class 3 (4+ Axles)	Class 1 (2 Axles)	Class 2 (3 Axles)	Class 3 (4+ Axles)
8-1	Ramp – NC147 Northbound On from Hopson Road /Davis Drive	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.80
8-2	Ramp – NC147 Southbound Off to Hopson Road /Davis Drive	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.80
7-1	Ramp - NC540 Northbound to NC147 Northbound	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.08
7-2	Ramp - NC147 Southbound to NC540 Southbound	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.08
6-4	Ramp - NC540 Southbound to NC147 Northbound	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.08
6-3	Ramp - NC147 Southbound to NC540 Northbound	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.54	\$ 3.08
6-1	Mainline - NC540 Northbound at NC147	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6-2	Mainline - NC540 Southbound at NC147	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mainline - NC540 Northbound, North of Morrisville Parkway	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Mainline - NC540 Southbound, North of Morrisville Parkway	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5-1	Mainline - NC540 Northbound, North of Green Level Road	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5-2	Mainline - NC540 Southbound, North of Green Level Road	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4-1	Ramp – NC540 Northbound On from US64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4-2	Ramp – NC540 Southbound Off to US64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3-1	Mainline – NC540 Northbound, North of Old US1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3-2	Mainline – NC540 Southbound, North of Old US1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2-1	Ramp – NC540 Northbound Off to Old US1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2-2	Ramp – NC540 Southbound On from Old US1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Ramp – Old Holly Springs-Apex Road to NC540 Northbound	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Ramp - NC540 Southbound Off to Old Holly Springs-Apex Road	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1-1	Mainline – NC540 Northbound, North of NC 55	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1-2	Mainline – NC540 Southbound, North of NC 55	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A